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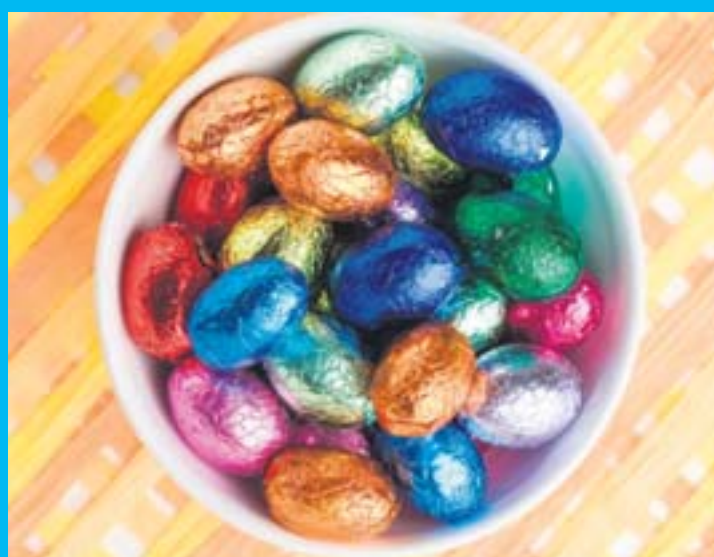
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## EGGS-TRAORDINARY

Believe it or not, a leading supermarket is already stocking Easter eggs - FOUR MONTHS before the day itself. Tesco in Whitstable stunned shoppers by replacing tinsel and baubles with eggs and bunnies. Shopper Leo Batt told Yourcanterbury: "I could not believe my eyes. Surely it is too early to be thinking about Easter?" A Tesco spokesman said: "This is in response to customer demand. Our main and full range of Easter eggs will not be launched for some weeks." Easter Day this year falls on April 12.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

A MASSIVE marketing boost has been planned for 2009 to improve the city's fortunes in the wake of poor sales over the festive period.

City council chiefs are holding talks with traders to fine-tune plans to help keep the tills ringing despite the gloomy economic forecast in a move which should also help boost trade in Whitstable and Herne Bay.

The move comes as shopkeepers count the cost of a New Year sales slump and a return of thrift and frugality.

City centre manager Philippe Esclasse said many shops had reported sales were down on last year, and that shoppers' spending habits had become more utilitarian.

He said: "Instead of fashionable shoes, people are buying sensible shoes. Instead of high fashion clothes they are buying sensible, good quality winter clothes."

"It's the same with food. People are buying good, simple food instead of luxury food. People are only buying what they need."

Mr Esclasse said pre-Christmas trading had been particularly bad, despite many sales starting before the holiday period.

The first few days of the January sales - which saw discounts of up to 70 per cent - were comparable to last year, but this has not been sustained.

Some clothing chains, including Monsoon, refused to comment on how specific stores were faring, citing commercial sensitivity, but confirmed the situation was difficult. The

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**HIGH ANXIETY:** The site of the proposed beach volleyball courts (ringed) at Victoria recreation ground. Canterbury High School is at the bottom left of the picture

## Petition targets 'minority sport' volleyball plans

CAMPAIGNERS have called on the city council to overturn its decision to grant planning permission for beach volleyball courts at the Victoria recreation ground in Canterbury.

A petition with more than 50 signatories has been presented to the city council, arguing that beach volleyball is a niche sport that does not warrant selling off the disused grass tennis courts they will replace.

The petition reads: "Please tell us where we can go to enjoy open space, to run and play with our children, grandchildren and pets and interact with other human beings?"

"What gives you the right to take away free play from our children, especially low-income families?" Despite some complaints, councillors gave their blessing for the proposal in October after deciding it was "an improvement to the social well-being of the area".

The volleyball courts will be built on land which represents approximately one-fiftieth of the total area of the recreation ground.

They will be run by Canterbury High School, although five primary

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schools will also be able to use the courts free, and a pay-and-play scheme will be organised to make the courts available to sports clubs and the public.

Land to build the four volleyball courts will be leased to Canterbury High School.

The petition also contains emails from teams which use the recreation ground, arguing that football should take precedence over less mainstream sports.

One anonymous email reads: "I cannot recall a single person I know who plays volleyball. There is a perfectly good venue at the university."

"The school and the headmaster make me angry. He is not considering the people of Canterbury at all. Football has always been a sport for all, young and old."

However the city council's approval of the proposal has led to the resurrection of the Canterbury City Volleyball Club, which plans to use the new courts as a base.

A letter of objection was also received from the Open Spaces Society, which argued that land should not be "hived off for a school sports facility".

## Uncertainty fuels spending slowdown

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manager of the Ann Summers store said: "There just doesn't seem to be the volume of people seen in previous years. I don't know where they've all gone."

Mr Esclasse suggested this year's restrained spending was due to concerns about the future.

He said: "One of the biggest problems is the uncertainty. No experts have come forward to say what the future holds or when things will improve, so people are saving in case it gets worse."

Independent shops which cannot match the chains' heavy discounting are focusing on other strengths to see them through the tough times.

Michelle Ferrari, manager of Angels clothes shop in St Margaret's Street, said: "I have a good group of girls who listen to what customers want, then we can source it for them. We don't charge extra and it keeps people coming back. Larger shops can't do that."

Not everyone is reporting a bad month, however. Colin Garner, manager of Ecco Shoes in Mercery Lane, said: "We're doing all right, touch wood. It's not too bad at the moment."

"We have a strong reputation. People look for our shoes and we have a loyal customer base who keep coming back. But it is tough out there."

And there were still enough people to fill cafés and other businesses which rely on crowds attracted by the shops.

Jenna White, of Shake Shed in Sun Street, said: "Christmas was busy for us. However, there has been a clear difference in shopping patterns. Shoppers are being very careful not to buy unless the offer is too good to miss."

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### Stay safe, stay warm during the cold snap

HEALTH bosses in Kent have urged people to ensure they keep warm during the cold snap.

Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS staff said children and older people were especially vulnerable.

Dr Robert Steward, the primary care trust's medical director, said: "People should aim to keep their main rooms heated to 21C (70F) while bedrooms should be kept above 18C."

"If you have older family, friends or neighbours nearby, try to pay them a visit to make sure they have everything they need."

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# Beaneys dig ready to reveal city's secrets

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

ROMAN artefacts are among the historic finds archaeologists expect to uncover when they begin a dig at the Beaneys Institute later this year prior to redevelopment.

The three-month dig, costing £350,000, is expected to begin in April and experts are looking forward to uncovering centuries of Canterbury history buried beneath the iconic Victorian building.

Paul Bennett, director of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, said: "It is right in the centre of a very important part of the city.

"It is right next to the site of the Forum Basilica, the most important Roman building in the city. We might make some very significant finds.

"We know the site was also in the centre of the Anglo-Saxon town, and at the heart of the medieval city, so this could be a very interesting dig."

Exploratory trenches have already uncovered evidence of Roman roads and timber-framed buildings which the Canterbury Archaeological Trust says are probably medieval.

But despite the importance of the dig, experts say it is extremely unlikely the Beaneys redevelopment project will be held up in any way.

Mr Bennett said: "It would have to be something really exceptional for it to be preserved in situ, and that would require substantial redrawing of the development plans.

"But I can't really think of anything that would warrant this. It has been planned in great detail, and we have agreed to preserve in



**HIDDEN HISTORY:** Canterbury Archaeological Trust has high hopes for the Beaneys Institute excavation

record as opposed to preserve in situ. If we found a mosaic, for example, it would be taken up and displayed somewhere."

Archaeologists plan to dig several trenches on the site, with a deep excavation in the basement where it is hoped they will uncover Roman remains.

The site is important because it has been at the centre of the city for centuries and should provide a rich seam of new information about Canterbury's history.

The Forum Basilica was the central market

place and law courts, and would have been at the centre of Roman life along with three other important civic buildings in the city – the baths (beneath Waterstone's book shop), the temple and the theatre.

The Beaneys redevelopment project aims to conserve and enhance the late Victorian building, provide a new extension, and transform the range and quality of displays and services on offer.

The Beaneys Institute will close at the end of February and reopen in 2011.

## 'High-speed link of little benefit'

ABOVE-inflation rises in train fares have been attacked by local Liberal Democrats, who have accused rail firm Southeastern of misleading passengers over journey times.

Commuters who travel from Whitstable to London are facing an eight per cent increase in the cost of their journey into work.

Canterbury and Whitstable Lib Dem parliamentary spokesman Guy Voizey said the increase was unjustified and claimed Southeastern was exaggerating the benefits of the new high-speed link due to operate later this year.

He said: "Whitstable commuters are being asked to subsidise a service they will get no benefit from.

"A poster at the town station suggests a reduction in travel times of 25 minutes from 101 minutes, the average peak time, to 76 minutes.

"In truth, the average peak journey time today is about 84 minutes, based on the average into Cannon Street, a mere eight minutes slower than the anticipated fastest time with the new high-speed link."

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## Firefighters praised for brave battle

FIREFIGHTERS who tackled the fatal blaze at a Herne Bay residential home last week have been praised for their professionalism.

Crew members rescued an elderly man from his burning flat in sheltered accommodation in Churchill Avenue shortly after 10pm on Monday, December 29.

But despite their efforts to treat the victim, he died later in hospital.

Steve Griffiths, Kent Fire and Rescue Service's assistant director of community safety, said: "Their extensive training was fully evident and although we are sadly reflecting on the death, the crews worked really hard in very difficult circumstances to limit the loss of life and property."

Two appliances from Herne Bay and one from Whitstable were sent to the blaze, which is believed to have been started accidentally.

After the rescue, crews administered oxygen to the man before handing over to paramedics.

Firefighters prevented the blaze spreading to other flats in the two-storey building.

Mr Griffiths said: "The crews from Herne Bay did an excellent job in containing the blaze and reassuring the other residents."

## Clean break with criminal past for jail work gangs

CONVICTS could soon be clearing the gardens of elderly and disabled council tenants in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay.

And they might also be sprucing up communal ground as part of a new plan to rehabilitate offenders.

The Active Citizenship Together project will see prisoners nearing the end of their sentences at Stamford Hill open prison on the Isle of Sheppey bussed out to perform work in the community.

Head of housing Larissa Laing said: "There are lots of advantages. They can get a feel for what it is like outside an institution and meet people in a normal setting."

"They get a sense of worth from it and people in the community can see that the prisoners are not 'evil'."

"It also benefits the community as people are provided with low-cost services."

The idea has been piloted for the

last 12 months by Swale council and the Swale Housing Association.

There have been no incidents where the prisoners have misbehaved and the scheme has won praise for its efforts.

Even so, a strict set of rules and procedures will be put in place to ensure nothing goes wrong.

Prisoners chosen for the scheme will all be serving the last 18 months of their sentences and have already earned the trust of staff inside the prison walls.

The teams of five will be supervised by prison guards at all times, and will only be allowed to work outside tenants' homes.

In addition, all tools will be locked away as soon as they are finished with and the prisoners will not be allowed to use blades.

A pilot scheme on council land is expected to run in the Canterbury district until April.

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NEWS IN BRIEFRadio station marathon  
boosts children's charity

INVICTA FM has raised more than £15,000 for Help a Kent Child.

The Whitstable-based radio station held a marathon 13-hour show dedicated to raising funds for the charity, which helps disadvantaged children throughout the county.

Charity backers include Chris Tarrant, Dave Lee, Paul McKenna and Greg Wallace.

DJ James Heming said: "I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success – the people who gave money and the celebrities who helped us."

Archbishop is bound to  
be bristling with pride

DR Rowan Williams has been named owner of the Beard of the Year 2008.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was named alongside Welsh singer Sir Tom Jones as owner of the finest set of whiskers by the Beard Liberation Front.

The duo saw off competition from the likes of Prince William, comedians Bill Bailey and Eddie Izzard, broadcaster Robin Lustig and novelist Terry Pratchett.

Previous winners include Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant and England spin bowler Monty Panesar.

Now cat's what I call a  
quiz night fundraiser

CANTERBURY Cats Protection is holding a fundraising wine and wisdom evening in Herne Bay this month.

It takes place on Saturday, January 24, at Hampton Primary School from 7pm. Tables of eight are available at £7.50 per person.

To book a table, send a cheque made payable to Cats Protection Canterbury Branch, together with an SAE, to: Cats Protection, PO Box 833, Canterbury CT1 1WH. Closing date for bookings is January 17. For more information call 01227 366446.

Words of wisdom from  
legendary TV star Clive

WRITER and broadcaster Clive James will be making a special appearance in Canterbury next month.

The Australian intellectual will be at the Gulbenkian Theatre from 7.30pm on Saturday, February 21, for Clive James in the Evening. Tickets cost £16.

Other big names appearing at the theatre in 2009 include comedians Lucy Porter, Josie Long and Mark Thomas. Visit [www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian) for full listings of upcoming shows.

No more despair as  
Karl sees the light

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FROM homeless drug-user to aspiring Royal Marine, Karl's story is one of hard work and ambition overcoming drugs and despair – with help from Canterbury charity Porchlight.

Karl is 19 and lives at the Porchlight young persons' hostel in Canterbury. He traces the beginning of his problems to when he started smoking cannabis.

He said: "I had a circle of mates who were into cannabis. I got a part-time job at a supermarket which developed in to a full-time one, which was great.

"However, the repetitiveness and a change in management got to me. I began wondering what I was doing there and started taking more and more cannabis, spending up to £40 a day.

"The problem with cannabis is that when you're not happy it makes things so much worse."

Karl started on a downward spiral and after quitting his job things began to get out of control.

He said: "I'd wake up about 2pm or 3pm, go out with my mates until about 10pm and come back really wrecked.

"That was the routine. The arguments were building and building with my parents.

"It's difficult anyway because my dad is disabled. he has a form of multiple sclerosis.



sis. He was diagnosed when I was eight. He walks like he is 80 years old but is only 50.

"They don't have much money because my mum is a full-time carer. They can't afford to keep me if I'm not working. It got to the point where I was £1,000 in debt with my mum, most of which I had spent on cannabis."

His parents eventually threw him out of their Canterbury home and Karl found accommodation at a temporary night shelter.

He was referred to Porchlight and five months later moved on to the young person's project where, with the support of his key worker, he is turning his life around.

The support the charity is providing has helped Karl to focus on his Prince's Trust course, which has inspired him to pursue a career in the Army.

He said: "The career I am looking for now is a Royal Marine. I want to be a leader. I've only just got my confidence back.

"I believe I can do anything I want to do, not like when I was at rock bottom.

"I genuinely believed I couldn't do anything. It is quite easy to get influenced and get dragged down. You have to learn to back away and do your own thing."



BACK IN CONTROL: Karl's life is being turned around

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**SLOW PROGRESS:** Whitstable's narrow streets are coming under scrutiny from transport bosses

# Radical action planned to end town gridlock

MORE traffic wardens, a one-way system and a park and ride site could all be part of plans to improve Whitstable's struggling road system.

City council transport bosses will call on Kent County Council to investigate "radical" options to tackle Whitstable's traffic problems with a report to be presented to county chiefs this month.

The detailed report brings together several plans, some of which have already been piloted in the town, to tackle specific problems which can bring Whitstable to a standstill, especially in the holiday season.

Limited parking and a lack of enforcement has led to narrow roads becoming clogged with cars, many illegally parked.

And the city council has also admitted the two-way system in the town is not working.

Head of transport and engineering Viv Pritchard said: "The regulations were originally established to balance the needs of pedestrians, disabled people, businesses, motorists, delivery companies and bus and coach operators."

"Given the very limited width of the streets in many areas, there is simply not enough room to allow parking and maintain a free flow of traffic."

To test one aspect of the plans, from June 2008, traffic wardens were stationed perma-

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

nently in the town for 12 weeks, with instructions to take notes on parking habits and enforce the rules where necessary.

They found a large number of drivers parked on double yellow lines and overstaying their time in loading bays.

More problems were caused by blue badge holders, who are allowed to park on double yellow lines but by doing so caused long tailbacks.

But introducing the wardens worked and parking problems decreased significantly. Now the city council is looking at increasing the presence of traffic wardens in the town, but says it must balance this against enforcing regulations in other areas.

A park and ride scheme is also being considered, but the city council is keeping tight-lipped as to where and how this might be set up.

The scheme hinges on cost and finding a suitable location. Detailed analysis has yet to be carried out, said the city council.

Making the town centre one-way would be the responsibility of KCC's highways department, but this has been suggested to the county authority by the city council.

The report also details minor changes to parking regulations in the High Street and Oxford Street, and an increase in parking spaces due to use of the Oyster Bowls Club.

## Relive 2008: Return of Reginald Perrin

BARE-faced cheek was the order of the day in June when 50 men and women stripped off to recreate one of TV comedy's classic moments.

As part of Whitstable's Biennale art festival, volunteers responded to the call of artist Lee Campbell to strip naked and run into the sea, recreating the iconic opening scene of 1970s sitcom *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, which starred Leonard Rossiter.

Find the clip by logging on to [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk) and search 'Reggie'.

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## Still time to have a say on nature reserve plan

THE future of a Whitstable nature reserve is in your hands as consultation continues on Prospect Field – but don't delay in making your voice heard.

Consultation on the Prospect Field draft management plan, which has been put together by the council and the Friends of Prospect Field, runs until Friday, January 9, and organisers are asking local people how the land should be managed.

Prospect Field is an area of scrub and grassland off Joy Lane. The site is a haven for wildlife and gives panoramic views across the estuary to Sheppey and, on clear days, beyond to Southend on the Essex coast.

The plan outlines ideas for sensitively managing the site to benefit both people and wildlife.

If you want to have your say, copies of the plan are available by calling Rosemary Selling on 01227 862577, by visiting the city council website at [www.canterbury.gov.uk](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk), or by popping into the town's council office or Whitstable Umbrella Centre.

## Spending a penny to cost 10p at new Westgate loos

A BLOCK of 24-hour pay-to-use public toilets has opened in Tower Way, Canterbury.

The city spent £120,000 on the lavatories and users wanting to spend a penny will be charged 10p. The council says the fee will help reduce vandalism.

They replace the toilets opposite in St Peter's Place, which will be closed and removed next year as part of the Westgate Gardens improvements.

Cllr Jenny Samper, said: "By introducing a small charge we can provide the facilities around the clock, which is something residents have told us they want."

## Trade takes a hammering as three businesses shut

MOTORWORLD has shut its doors in Whitstable, adding to the woes of the town's traders.

Woolworths closed for the final time last week, leaving one of the town's prime retail sites vacant. The lease will be sold off as part of a deal being negotiated by administrators Deloitte.

Motorworld cited rent problems for the closure of its Oxford Street outlet, while estate agent Dillinger Scott has paid the price for the decline in the property market by shutting its outlet, also in Oxford Street.

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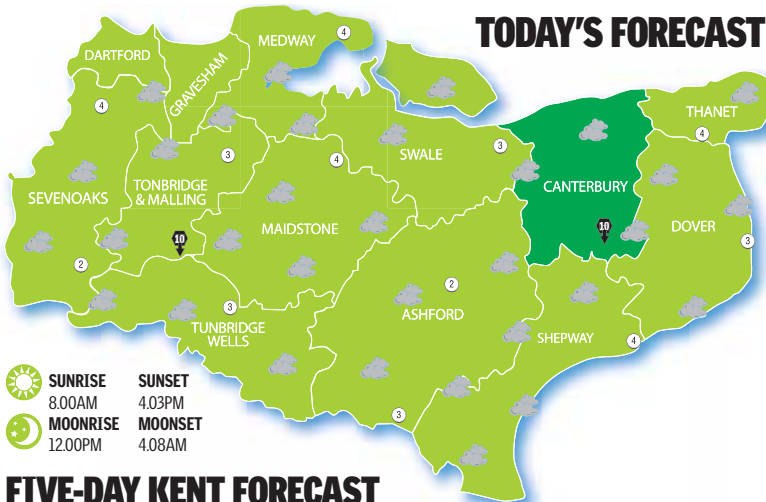
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Dover	2°C	3°C	3°C	3°C	3°C	Sevenoaks	1°C	2°C	3°C	2°C	3°C
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Folkestone	2°C	3°C	3°C	3°C	3°C	Tonbridge	2°C	3°C	5°C	3°C	4°C
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	Sunday	10.47am	7.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10.31am	4.8m
	Sunday	11.26am	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	11.31am	5.6m
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## yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kitchen blaze warning

FIREFIGHTERS who attended 12 kitchen fires over Christmas are appealing for homeowners to take more care when cooking as we go into the New Year.

The blazes occurred between December 20 and 29, with more than half taking place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's head of community safety Stuart Skilton said: "Fortunately no-one was injured, although several homes sustained smoke damage and without working smoke alarms fitted the consequences could have been far worse."

"Unattended cooking, overheated oil in chip pans, deep fat fryers, along with dirty ovens and grill pans are the main causes of cooking fires."

"A moment's distraction, especially if under the influence of alcohol, could find you faced with a serious fire that could take your home or your life."

### Horses victim of crunch

THE recession has seen Canterbury's Horse Rescue Centre swamped with calls after cash-strapped owners can no longer afford to keep their animals.



Canterbury Horse Rescue in Shottenden Road, Badlesmere, is already struggling to cope with the number of unwanted horses and ponies, and expects things to get worse this year.

Yard manager Stella King said: "We are completely full and have a waiting list. My phone hasn't stopped ringing, it has been that bad."

"Financially people are mortgaged up to the hilt or they are being made redundant. What comes first - the horse or the home?"

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### LISA WELLS



**Q** Can you tell us about your role as fund-raising support assistant?

**A** My main duties as FSA are to provide support to two fund-raising managers and ensure the office runs smoothly.

Often I am the first point of contact, so I meet a diverse range of people. On a typical day I'll speak to volunteers such as committee members or our schools speaker, Macmillan staff and other supporters who may be doing anything from sponsored slims to running marathons to raise money.

I am also responsible for thanking donors and banking donations, writing press releases for our website, providing admin support during local and national events and solving practical problems in our office.

Every year, Macmillan holds collections at Tesco and Morrisons stores across Kent. I helped co-ordinate the Tesco collections in October which raised more than £16,000. Recently I have been working to deliver the same success at our Morrisons collections.

It is a varied role with lots of opportunities to meet supporters and attend events. It is challenging and demanding – no two days are the same – but also very rewarding.

**Q** Is working for a charity something you planned to do?

**A** After university, I found it extremely difficult to find a job without having real business experience.

It wasn't until a friend offered me some work experience at a charity called the Riverwood

Project that I decided I'd really like to pursue a career within the charity sector.

I approached Macmillan as a volunteer but was lucky enough to be offered a full-time position at the Kent office.

**Q** Tell us about Macmillan Cancer Support

**A** Macmillan provides practical, medical, emotional and financial support to people affected by cancer. We have set ourselves the ambition of reaching and improving the lives of everyone living with cancer by 2010.

At a local level we have more than 100 Kent-based Macmillan nurses, doctors and other health professionals such as our dietitian and speech and language therapist, who have the expert knowledge to help make living with cancer easier.

In 2007, Macmillan gave more than £210,000 in small grants to about 600 Kent cancer patients. These grants can help cover the cost of transport to hospital, a warm duvet, or even a much-needed family holiday.

**Q** What is it like to work for such a worthwhile cause?

**A** It's a charity that is close to my heart and I'm sure this is the case for many people. I am always greeted very positively because people are so interested in the charity and want to support such a good cause.

**Q** Can you give us some examples of fund-raising events or activities that you have helped to organise?

**A** When I started with Macmillan in May 2008, I was involved with a sponsored walk at Penshurst Place, just four days prior to starting.

I helped as much as possible, putting together packs for the Army cadets and helping with admin for the day. It was great to see the team in action and to introduce myself to our supporters and volunteers.

I am very involved with our Medway group, which raises funds solely for the Macmillan Cancer Care Unit at Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham.

We organised a fund-raising day in October which made £500. I support the group by raising awareness of events, providing fund-raising materials and sourcing raffle prizes. Our Christmas fair included a perfume tombola from John Lewis. We raised more than £1,000, which was fantastic.

In September I hosted my own coffee morning as part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. I organised games, raffles, food and drink. We raised £559.

**Q** What is the highest amount ever raised from an event?

**A** The highest amount I have received was £10,832 from the Rochester and Cobham Park Golf Club.

The captains at the club chose Macmillan as their charity of the year and worked tirelessly to produce this fantastic amount. The money was collected through fund-raising days, raffles, a hog roast and a silent auction.

Fund-raising support assistant Lisa Wells speaks to Nick Ames about the amazing work done by Macmillan nurses and why they need our help in easing the burden of people living with cancer

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# Water shortage fears for the Kent desert

BY NICK AMES

KENT falls into a part of the UK which has less water per head of population than that available to the inhabitants of largely desert countries Morocco and Egypt.

The county is one of the areas of "serious water stress" identified in an Environment Agency report on the state of the nation's supplies which states that in the event of a hot dry summer rationing and hosepipe bans would inevitably come into force.

The survey warns that many lakes, estuaries and rivers are drained so quickly to provide fresh water for Britain's growing population there is a danger to wildlife and public supplies during dry years.

The Environment Agency says people are still wasting too much water in their homes, while water companies are allowing supplies to escape from leaking pipes.

It calls for the speedier introduction of water meters such as those introduced in Folkestone and on Romney Marsh - and for more reservoirs and desalination plants to be considered only as a last resort.

Trevor Bishop, the head of water resources, said: "We are trying to change the way we manage water resources and put in place the right incentives for people to use less water."

"There are three main ways - metering of customers, tackling leakage and more water efficiency in the home."

According to the agency, homes with meters use 13 per cent less water than those paying fixed water rates.

Mr Bishop added: "We are calling for meters, but done in the right way."

The report says the pressure is greatest in the South East and warns that the risk of water shortages, hosepipe bans and other restrictions will increase in the next few decades.



LOW: Water levels have dropped at Bewl, meaning supplies have to be supplemented from other sources

"Over the next 30 years, there will be increasing pressures from the rising population and associated development," it states.

"Looking further ahead, the impact of climate change could have a major impact on the water available for all uses."

Computer forecasts of climate change suggest winters will be wetter on average in Britain but summers will be drier, particularly in the South East.

Compared to the rest of Europe, water resources are under greater stress only in drier countries such as Cyprus, Malta, Spain and Italy, the report added.

In recent years hosepipe bans have been introduced in the summer across much of the county and supplies - including those drawn from Bewl Water - have had to be supplemented by river water from the Medway.



MEATY: Chris Rook (centre) presents Florence Neves and her son Michael with their festive hamper.

## A prize turkey

ONE lucky KOS Media reader had a tasty Christmas to remember after winning a food-lovers' competition in our newspapers.

Butcher JC Rook and Sons, which has shops across the county, offered a luxury hamper worth more than £1,000 to make sure the winner enjoyed the festive period in style.

More than 2,500 readers entered competition, but it was Florence Neves and her son Michael from Sittingbourne who took home the turkey.

Other tasty treats included Kent-reared beef, pork and lamb, a goose, smoked salmon, cheeses, cakes, biscuits and of course wines, whiskey, brandy and port.

## Drop in stab deaths

FIVE people were stabbed to death on the streets of Kent and Medway last year, new figures have revealed.

The Conservatives found that the number of fatal stabbings in England and Wales during 2007-08 had reached a record high with five people a week nationally losing their lives to knife crime.

Figures for Kent Police showed five people had been killed due to knife violence in 2007-08, down from six in 2006-07.

James Brokenshire, the shadow home affairs minister, called for the offence of knife possession to carry an automatic jail sentence.

"The Government's only response is short term, ad-hoc police operations, the results of which they spin and manipulate anyway to try and get a good story, 2009 must herald a new approach."

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# Fears for furry friends amid 'serious decline'

■ BY NICK AMES

A THIRD of mammals in the UK – including many species regularly encountered in the Kent countryside – are in “serious decline”, a disturbing report has revealed.

Dormice, water voles and harvest mice are among the creatures under threat, the State of Britain's Mammals survey warns.

And even the hedgehog – once a common visitor to many gardens – is under threat because of fewer hibernation sites.

The industrialisation of the countryside, the rise of invasive predators and modern farming techniques are to blame for falls in the numbers of about 40 species.

The report reveals that the number of water voles – a species immortalised by Ratty in *The Wind in the Willows* – has fallen by 88 per cent in the last 25 years.

They have been devastated by American mink that have escaped from fur farms.

Vazel dormice populations have fallen by 23 per cent the report, written for the People's Trust for Endangered Species, found.

The list of animals most at risk now includes 18 species – or 30 per cent of all land mammals in the UK.

Chief executive Jill Nelson said although hedgehogs remain a relatively common sight in gardens across the UK, their numbers have



**RESTLESS SLEEP:** Dormice numbers have declined by almost a quarter in recent years, according to the survey

fallen by a fifth since the early 1970s.

The fashion for neat gardens has robbed them of hibernation hideaways, while they have also been hit by loss of habitat, disease and changing climate.

Mrs Nelson said: “With population numbers of between one and three million there are

plenty of hedgehogs around, but fewer than there once was. They seem to be more prevalent in urban areas now because of changes in agricultural practices.

“When we hear people saying they are not seeing them in their gardens as much as they used to, you start to worry.”

## Partnership's protection is always there for victims

KENT Police are working with the National Centre for Domestic Violence to provide victims with access to legal representation 24 hours a day, all year round.

The partnership was launched at Kent Police College with Chief Superintendent Lee Catling, centre chief executive officer Steve Connor and local solicitors present.

The National Centre for Domestic Violence gives free legal advice and representation to victims of domestic abuse and helps them obtain court non-molestation orders, also known as injunctions.

An injunction stops a violent or abusive partner or ex-partner from using or threatening violence.

Chief Supt Catling said: “This partnership will help police officers in protecting victims and their families from abusers.

“Police and public protection unit officers will be able to refer victims to the centre for advice, which will help them start to rebuild their lives free from violence and abuse. Officers will be able to help victims seek free legal advice quickly.

“It is a criminal offence to breach non-molestation orders and we will arrest anyone breaching court orders.”

Mr Connor said: “Domestic violence is a cowardly crime. Our partnership with Kent Police will give anyone needing legal advice or an injunction fast access to our service, which is free to all regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or financial circumstances.

“By standing together, we will send out a message that this horrific crime will not be tolerated and that we will work to bring abusers to justice.”

The centre is able to offer assistance at court using a ‘MacKenzie friend’ – a person who can offer legal advice – to accompany victims throughout proceedings. Leaflets publicising the partnership and the new services available in Kent and Medway are on display around the county.

## 'Missing' registered sex offenders revealed by FOI request

THIRTEEN registered sex offenders have “gone missing” in Kent, according to figures obtained by the BBC.

The broadcaster requested information about offenders who are not now at their reg-

istered address under the Freedom of Information Act. Data supplied by 38 police forces across the UK showed 317 sex offenders were reported as missing or unaccounted for.

The largest number of missing offenders was

reported by the Met in London, where 112 have disappeared. Other forces with high numbers missing include the West Midlands with 34, Greater Manchester (18), Northumbria (12) and Sussex (10).

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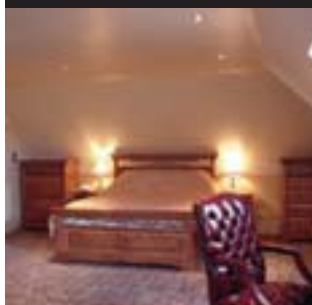
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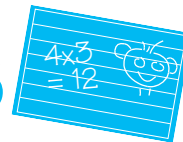
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## BREAK TIME

## Singing cricketer bowls over school

ZIMBABWEAN cricketer Henry Olonga proved a popular guest of honour at St Anselm's presentation evening where he presented prizes and GCSE and A level certificates to students.

Mr Olonga sought to inspire students with a speech about the value of education and the importance of aspiration and hard work.

He focused on his time in Zimbabwe as a cricketer and his eventual exile for his stand against the political regime in Zimbabwe.



And the multi-talented sportsman, who is now pursuing a career in singing, even performed a rendition of Nessun Dorma which so impressed the audience that he received a standing ovation.

St Anselm's headteacher Fiona Quilty said: "Mr Olonga represents much of what we stand for here at St Anselm's Catholic School. We are a school who cares about diversity, equality, justice and courage in the face of adversity."

"Our students represent many nationalities found in Britain today including Zimbabwe, and as a comprehensive school we welcome students of all backgrounds and abilities."

"We work to inspire our students to go on to achieve great things, not just for themselves but for society. Henry Olonga is a real inspiration and role model for our students. We also wish him well in his singing career."

Mr Olonga was the first black cricketer to play for Zimbabwe, and made his international debut in a match against Pakistan at Harare in 1995, at age 18 years, 212 days; becoming the youngest player to represent the country.

# Innovator shows drive with design

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

REINVENTING the wheel secured a Canterbury student first prize in a prestigious competition run by the Kia car company.

Matthew Storie, a student at the University for the Creative Arts at Canterbury, impressed judges with his plans for a light, ultra efficient wheel focused on functionality and sustainability.

Mr Storie, 18, who is studying for a BTEC national diploma in art and design, walked away with £1,000, a Sony camera, and a fully funded trip to one of the major international motor shows.

He said: "I entered the awards to see if my ideas could stand up to the car industry and was amazed when they called out my name, as this now gives me the confidence to follow my dream of working as a designer within this industry."

Second prize was won by Maidstone student, Aaron Macdermott, a first year student in animation, for his innovative 'pod' transport system which addresses traffic congestion, pressure on public transport systems and the cost of car ownership. He won £1,000 cash and a Sony Walkman.

Third prize went to Julia Johnson, a product design sustainable futures student from Farnham, for her design of a sustainable headrest. She won £750 and a Sony Walkman.



THE BEST: From left: Aaron Macdermott, Matthew Storie, Steve Kitson of Kia Motors and Julia Johnson

Steve Kitson, communications director at Kia Motors said: "The opportunity to encourage and support such imaginative and passionate young people is a privilege for us at Kia Motors (UK) Ltd and this year the standard of work was outstanding."

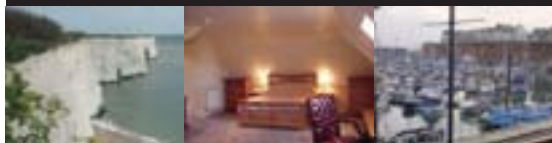
"These are the people who will design our future world and environment and it is reassuring to see such creativity."

Kia Motors are the main sponsors for the 'Let's mUve' competition, which aims to make students challenge the conventional conceptions about the design, functionality, image, branding and sustainability of cars.

The awards are in their fourth year and run throughout the University for the Creative Arts five campuses as part of the Creative Innovation Award.

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## Resolution escalates into a cross training experience

I'VE never really been one for making New Year's resolutions.

I always felt there was nothing to be gained from choosing this particular month for making life-changing decisions. Surely it is best to make these kinds of promises to yourself when you really feel like it?

Having said that, I have succumbed to the common mantra of keeping fit this year; I have even bought an exercise machine. I got the Carl Lewis Cross Trainer second-hand; perhaps in the knowledge it was not worth forking out huge amounts of money on something that was likely to end up in the back of a cupboard or 'accidentally' left at a roadside lay-by.

I bought the instrument of torture from a nice man in Sittingbourne. Well, he was certainly smiling when he saw me coming. It was probably just a sense of relief that he did not have to look at the damn thing for another year, nagging away at his conscience. He proudly said he had only ever used it twice. At least now he has 50 quid in his pocket and

could get some exercise walking to the pub.

I have used the machine more than twice. Three times in fact – and that's three times more than I imagine Carl Lewis ever did. The first time, I stumbled off the pedals as it sent my arms and legs flailing in different directions, ripping my hamstring in the process. The second time I stopped after three minutes because my heart rate was going so fast the pulse detector couldn't keep up. It can deal with anything up to 160 beats per minute but once you go past 300 it just becomes a blur.

I am beginning to believe only three Carl Lewis Cross Trainers were ever made. One for the picture in the catalogues, one demonstrated on TV shopping channels and the third was actually bought by a man in Chelmsford back in 1996 and has since made its way, through numerous owners, to end up in my spare room getting in the way of the filing cabinet.

My other resolution is not to go to the video shop unless I know what I want to watch. On one recent trip I spent nearly an hour in the shop deliberating over some worthy art film,

only to discover it was being shown on BBC2 that night. And it was rubbish.

Talking of films, I must stop watching Star Wars. In the last 12 months my habit has reached junkie levels. I blame the invention of the DVD box set. Sunday afternoons are the worst. I get this terrible craving and I have to get my fix – even if just for five minutes. Then I watch it again when the films are shown on ITV because the picture is slightly bigger and my failing eyesight can see more of the feeble CGI of the dreadful prequels. Before Christmas I actually asked my partner to get me the Clone Wars cartoon; the one done in a drawing style which gives all the characters the physique of Masi Warriors – even Jabba the Hut.

So this year it's less couch surfing in a galaxy far far away and more working out on a do-it-yourself escalator that doesn't go anywhere.

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French shopkeepers are strictly regulated when it comes to what they can call a sale. Just two are permitted a year, one winter and one summer, and reductions must be on normal stock. Buying stock in bulk and slapping a sale sign on it is a big non, non in France.

Discounts are generally between 50 and 70 per cent and 'Solde' is the key sign to look out for as it confirms items are in one of the formal sale periods. 'Degriffe' or 'Remise' followed by an amount shows the mark-down or discount.

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## TALK TIME

### TREMAINE HEYDON-MEYER

The Alzheimer's Society Thanet & Canterbury branch worker talks about the charity's work and a Christmas donation they received.



#### What sort of work does the Alzheimer's Society do?

This branch offers support and advice to people suffering from Alzheimer's, as well as their carers. We run a local support line and website for people to get in touch.

The branch is funded entirely by donations and staffed by volunteers.

**You recently received a large donation from the ladies section of the Westgate and Birchington Golf Club; how did that come about?**

Way back in the summer, this branch had a table of information and a banner at a special day for the ladies section of the Westgate and Birchington Golf Club.

I attended and gave them a talk about our branch and the things we do to help support local dementia sufferers. Margaret Potter was the then ladies' captain.

They kindly chose us as one of their charities to donate to last year, and in December I met some of the ladies again when I attended a cheque presentation to receive a donation of the fantastic sum of £1,121.45, with the same amount being given to the Macmillan Nursing Service.

This branch would like to express our grateful thanks for this wonderful donation which will be put to good use in support of local people.

• For support and advice from the charity, contact the Thanet & Canterbury branch of the Alzheimer's Society on 01227 730000 or see their website at [www.dementiasupport-thanet.co.uk](http://www.dementiasupport-thanet.co.uk)

## YOUR LETTERS



### Woolies demise may save others

While I must admit, I believe Woolworths had its day, what a sad sight it was to walk through Canterbury and see the store deserted last weekend.

Its collapse stands as testament to anyone who believes failing to keep up with trends is a way to run a successful business. Yes it struggled in these troubled times, but it must have been taking on water for ages to sink so quickly.

The death of Woolworths will, hopefully, lead to others living to fight another day on our high streets.

G Hurst  
Canterbury

### Staff were a last piece of magic

I would just like to say, through your pages, a very big thank you to the staff at Woolworths

who continued to serve customers with a smile on their faces during my frequent visits to

the store this Christmas.

They were the last remaining piece of magic in that store. And



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they will be very sadly missed.

I Potter  
Whitstable

### Goodbye to a national institution

What a shame to see so many Woolworths now closed forever.

This national institution will not be the last to go when it comes to high street stores and I forecast things will be a lot worse before they get better in 2009.

Let's hope the Government adopts a few policies which tackle the long term implications of the credit crunch and doesn't just opt for a quick-fix approach which will see further problems pile up in the future.

Philip Turner  
By email

### Closure sale really emptied the store

I went to the final sale in my local Woolworths last week and was stunned to see the store selling off its shelves.

What good could they possibly be to anyone unless they in turn were setting up a store?

I've heard of everything must go sales but that was totally ridiculous.

Brian Hills  
By email

### Dancing around her own contradictions

Exotic dancer Danielle Walker, whilst attempting to extol the virtues of lapdancing, noticeably contradicts herself.

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announced there is nothing wrong or sleazy about her line of work.

If I found myself employed in a profession where my clients started behaving so strangely I felt impelled to distance myself from them, I would certainly be concerned enough to question whether the job I had chosen was quite as harmless and without risk I had led myself to believe it was.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler  
Canterbury

## Olympic heroes gave us a sense of pride

In many ways 2008 has been a year people will want to forget with the continuing economic woes and the problems in the Middle East and across the continent of Asia.

However there is one area which gave people in the UK at least a real boost – sport.

Not the overpaid prima donnas of the Premiership or the under achieving cricketers and rugby players but the members of the Olympic team who did so well in Beijing.

People such as Rebecca Adlington went out as virtual unknowns but by the end of the games were being acclaimed as heroes.

These performers showed what sport is all about and brought a great deal of pride to the UK.

Warren Bright  
by email

## Robin red breast was a sight to behold

You recently carried an article about



the RSPB and its call to put out winter nesting boxes.

I did so in my garden and was delighted that a large variety of birds took advantage of the box and were around over the holiday period.

The sight of a robin at Christmas time was a particular delight and truly seasonal.

Diane McIntyre  
By email

## We need a Dr Who has some charisma

I must say how much I enjoyed the recent Christmas Dr Who show – but it certainly showed David Morrissey should not have been considered for the title role.

In the part he played – a sort of Dr Who wannabee – he was very good. But when he was on screen next to David Tennant it was clear who the star was.

He did not have a fraction of the true Doctor's charisma and even though I'm sure the script was written that way, he did not show nearly enough to

warrant the permanent role.

Matt Smith, as the next Timelord will have a great deal of work to do to even come close to Tennant's fine portrayal.

Tony Simpkins  
By email

## On the road to using ludicrous names

The recent move to suggest roads should be named after local people who have achieved something is a good one and would be a way to commemorate those who have put something into communities or left their hometowns and prospered elsewhere. But it should not be politically motivated.

The 80s saw a succession of ludicrous left wing councils naming otherwise normal streets after obscure Latin American "freedom fighters" or subsequently disgraced African politicians. It became a standing joke.

Paul Crowther  
By email

## Countdown begins to the next festivities

Can I be the first to tell readers from today (January 7) – there are only 352 days until Christmas?

I wonder when the first adverts for toys will appear on TV and the first cards will be on sale in stores?

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Lucy Pearce  
By email

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**AFTER** all the festive excitement, cast your mind ahead to the entertainment treats that 2009 will bring.

It is never too early to think about the summer, so banish those winter blues with thoughts of warm sun on your back and great music in your ears.

Bedgebury National Pinetum &amp; Forest has announced the line-up for its big summer concerts, and music fans can look forward to another fantastic weekend.

On the Saturday, legendary rockers Status Quo will be filling the forest air with their unmistakable sound.

Tickets for Quo's outdoor gigs always sell out quickly, so book soon to avoid missing out on this musical treat. The band last played at Bedgebury three years ago and, having sold out three forest concerts last year, are looking forward to returning to the Kent setting.

Having been in the business for five decades, Status Quo are a rock'n'roll institution. They have sold more than 118 million records worldwide and scored more than 63 hit UK singles, more than any other band.

Their records have spent more than seven and a half years in the charts and they made 106 appearances on Top of the Pops.

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she is already the fastest-selling soprano ever, with global record sales of more than three million.

She will be accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra as she demonstrates the versatile voice that has allowed her to sing everything from the great arias of opera to the Hollywood classics.

Tickets cost £32 for Status Quo and £32.50 for Katherine Jenkins, subject to a booking fee. To book, phone the ticket hotline on 01842 814612, buy online at [www.forestry.gov.uk/music](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/music), or go to the Bedgebury visitor centre.The Bedgebury concerts are just two of the exciting events happening in Kent later this year: Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm is back during July 10-12 and music lovers can look forward to another great weekend of music. For updates, you can visit [www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk).

After a mixed reaction to the Zoo8 event last summer, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, near Hythe, pledged to return with an improved festival for 2009. Line-up and ticket details are still to be announced.

Sellindge Music Festival became a fully-fledged music event for the first time last year, attracting Idlewild as its headline act.

Tickets go on sale this month for the three-day event, which returns to Hope Farm, near Ashford, from June 5-7. You can find out more at [www.sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.sellindgemusicfestival.co.uk).**BIG VOICE:** Soprano Katherine Jenkins**FOR MORE THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT VISIT @** [yourkenttv.co.uk](http://yourkenttv.co.uk)



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Take part in the 40th anniversary celebrations of folk-rock pioneers Steeleye Span, experience the music of Nationwide Mercury Prize nominee Eliza Carthy or try something a little different in the community singing project Global Voices Workshop.

If you are looking for a laugh, check out Rhod Gilbert, Mark Watson, Josie Long, Pappy's Fun Club, Mark Thomas, Lucy Porter (pictured) or last year's if. Comedy Award winner, David O'Doherty.

Step into a different world with Strangeface's darkly



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There is drama in The Pickwick Papers and Can Any Mother Help Me?,

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## NEW SEASON

Marlowe Theatre,  
Canterbury

RICHARD E Grant will be among the acclaimed actors treading the Marlowe's boards this season.

The Withnail and I star plays a parent who turns into a child in the hit West End comedy God of Carnage. When two boys fight at school, a meeting between their enlightened parents soon descends into childish squabbling. The play will be arriving in Canterbury in March before returning to the West End.

In February two more film and stage legends, Edward Fox and Claire Bloom, will be appearing in Lloyd George Knew My Father, a hilarious drawing room comedy that depicts the British aristocracy at their most eccentric as Lady Boothroyd fights to save her historic home.



Later that month the Russian Ice Stars will appear in the breathtaking Cirque de Glace and people will be dancing in the aisles to the Blues Brothers Party.

Enjoy a Brief Encounter in March with Noel Coward's romantic classic or experi-

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## NEW SEASON

Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre  
Whitstable

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On Saturday (Jan 10), children will be invited to participate in the story of village toymaker who is threatened with eviction. His toys come to life and hatch a plan to save him in this enchanting play which includes puppetry.

Vintage jazz band the Blue Rhythm Kings will continue to make their regular visits, while this month's Horsebridge Comedy gets the year off to a great start with a visit from Richard Herring on January 30.

Discover the stars of tomorrow from February at the weekly comedy showcase Monkey-shine and enjoy an alternative Valentine's Day night out in the company of Alan Clayton (pictured), one of rock 'n' roll's more extraordinary figures.

Also in February, Upstage Musical Productions will strive to create a new musical with young people in just a week. In March The Theatre of the Small presents Faust and Other Devilish Tales, a chilling



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### Jolie's moving portrayal of mother's hunt for son

ANGELINA Jolie faces every mother's nightmare in Clint Eastwood's acclaimed film, Changeling.

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### Hogarth's moral tales celebrated at exhibition

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### Soothe away the festive feasting at a luxury spa

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Eastwell Manor in Boughton Lees, near Ashford, is offering a Plus Two Package, including a two-course lunch and two spa treatments, for £128. Its Golf and Spa Break (£210 each) includes a one-night stay, dinner in the manor house, spa flotation treatment and four rounds of golf. Call 01233 213000 or visit [www.eastwellmanor.co.uk](http://www.eastwellmanor.co.uk).

The Hythe Imperial's packages start from £99 for a one-day spa break. Call 01303 267441 or see [www.mercure.com](http://www.mercure.com).

### Stretch yourself to ease those aches and pains

IF the thought of heading back to the gym fills you with dread, yoga could be the new hobby for you this year.

As well as increasing flexibility and promoting relaxation, yoga has been shown to alleviate the symptoms of common complaints such as backache, PMS, IBS, anxiety, insomnia and stress.

The Yoga Sanctuary in Barham is a designated yoga space, designed by teachers Cheryl Rivers and Caroline Bindon-Blood. Call 01227 720061 or 01227 711258 or visit [www.theyoga-sanctuary.co.uk](http://www.theyoga-sanctuary.co.uk).

### Follow the sergeant's orders and shed pounds

BURN off those mince pies the army way and meet new people with British Military Fitness.

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### Step up to the exercise challenge with DVDs

SHAPE up in celebrity style with fitness DVDs from singer Claire Richards and Loose Women star Coleen Nolan.

Former Steps star Richards lost five stone and went down five dress sizes with her 5 Step Fat Attack.

Or try Nolan's Disco Burn. Having lost three stone last year for Rosemary Conley's Brand New You DVD, she has now lost a further two by dancing and grooving.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW



### OZ AND JAMES DRINK TO BRITAIN

BBC Two, 8pm, Tuesday  
**DANCING ON ICE**  
ITV1, 7pm, Sunday

■ BY TOM BETTS

WHEN James May lolled his way onto our screens a few years ago he hardly seemed the domineering type.

But it's hard to escape "Captain Slow" these days and difficult to turn on the TV without seeing that slightly bemused expression peering back at you from behind one of the country's worst haircuts.

From his 20th Century show, to Top Toys, Big Ideas and, of course, Top Gear, which led him to stardom, May is everywhere.

His meteoric rise has echoed Richard Hammond's, who could also fill an entire channel with his shows.

Both are no doubt laughing all the way to the bank.

May's latest show sees him once more teaming up with Oz Clarke, the slightly over-the-top wine expert, to get drunk.

Unlike the last adventures when these two lucky chaps set out on Oz and James's Big Wine Adventure (undoubtedly inspired by the excellent film Sideways) the focus this time is more on brilliant beers than blinding Bordeaux.

The pair will travel through Britain and Ireland to marvel at all things alcoholic in a 1982 Rolls Royce Corniche. Nice work if you can get it.

The two previous series were an enjoyable enough romp as the scruffy May was time and again upstaged by the Clarke palette, leading to much entertaining alcohol-fuelled bickering, so expect more of the same this time around.



**ON ICE:** With Celebrity Big Brother already clogging up our schedules, brace yourself for more reality telly with Dancing On Ice

Just when you thought it was safe to return to the sofa on a weekend night, after the seemingly endless run of The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing, ITV deal us all a real hammer blow and schedule the return of Dancing On Ice.

The whole shebang is another celebrity-led affair, of course, and I fear TV channels have long since given up with the general public.

Hollyoaks nearly man Jeremy Edwards, EastEnders' Todd Carty and various other soap nobodies will prance around on the slippery stuff for the agonisingly long 12-week run while rink royalty Torvill and Dean will once more be tormentors in chief.

The main talking point of the series last year was the plunging neckline of Holly Willoughby's frocks, which says a lot for the actual 90 minutes of skating offered up each week.

The nightmare begins on Sunday. Don't know about you but I'm bored of 2009 already.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**YOUR** star is on the rise. Don't be surprised if you are given an important leadership position. People respect your ideas and are willing to follow your advice. Improving a school, house of worship, or cultural institution may take up the lion's share of your time this year.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

2009 promises to be one of the best years ever career-wise. Opportunities related to broadcasting, computers, or airline travel are looking good. You could also find a good position related to education, travel, or publishing. If you'd like to break into another industry ask a friend.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**THERE'S** never been a better year to get married or start a business. Two heads are better than one. If you join finances with somebody, your fortune will increase. If you're single, this would be good time to consult a money manager. News regarding a job could reach your ears.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**SUPPORT** from friends and family helps you make several breakthroughs. Don't be afraid to get counselling for a problem. Putting this issue to rest will liberate you. Romance could burst into flower this week. You're especially drawn to a shy artist who is quite spiritual.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**IT** may feel as if you're surrounded by a protective shield this year. While others have problems you seem to be riding high without a care in the world. Starting this week, you'll have more time for hobbies. Ask your partner how they see your future and start making plans.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

**AN** opportunity to expand your horizons will come your way. Going back to school, writing a book, or living abroad could be in the cards. It's possible your job will prompt this venture. You may be hesitant to make such a move. Eventually, though, you'll enjoy this turn of events.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**IF** you ever wanted to start your own business, this is the year to do it. You'll find clients at every turn. If you fulfil your responsibilities you will reach a new level of professional success. When your knees threaten to buckle under your responsibilities, turn to a loved one.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

**TAKING** or teaching a class will lend insight to philosophical matters. It's possible you'll adopt a religious philosophy or spiritual outlook. Repainting a drab room could make a tremendous difference to your mood. Your leadership ability could help you land a lucrative job.

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### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**SPENDING** more time on solitary pleasures will help you recover from a hectic festive season. Friends will assume an increased importance in your life. When you feel overwhelmed ask your loved ones for help. They'll be happy to help. Open your heart and be receptive.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**YOUR** love life gets a boost this year. You could meet someone special at a house of worship, adult classroom, or library. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat rebel with a generous spirit. If you're in a relationship, 2009 is a good time to make a major change in your home or career.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**THIS** week kicks off a period of fun, romance, and adventure. It's possible that you'll be able to mix business with pleasure. When you have a little extra money, invest it in your wardrobe. When you look good, you feel good. A relative may be poised to give you the financing.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**YOUR** income is in for a boost. A rise helps you afford luxuries previously beyond reach. Be sure to spend a portion of your cash on an overseas trip. A love letter or birthday message puts a spring in your step. Don't hesitate to propose bold plans. You never know who is listening.

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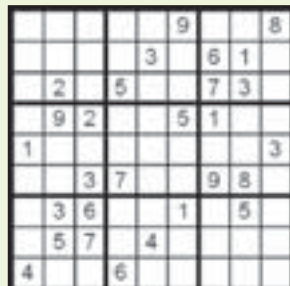
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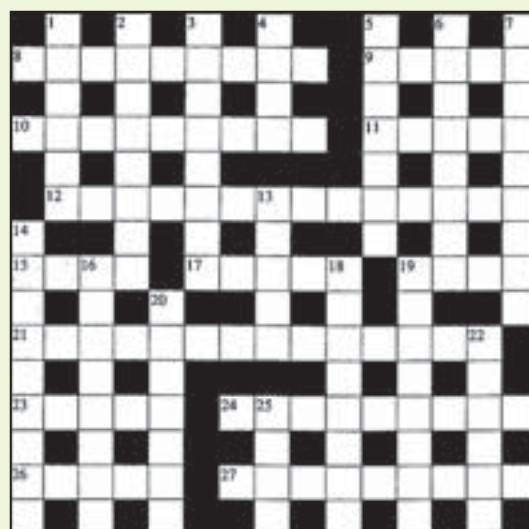
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- 8 Underground room in the act had been decoded (9)  
9 During tremor a grand lady appeared (5)  
10 Post Office (9)  
11 Comfort companion at all times (5)  
12 Putting a stop to something after one's had a bath (7,3,4)  
15 Not the whole role (4)  
17 Search into books for information about dig (5)  
19 Piquancy of orange-peel (4)  
21 Reprimand for having to score goal perhaps in one's underwear (4,2,3,5)  
23 Daughter in rain moved to lowest point (5)  
24 A way Ronald has with gold model, a spaceman (9)  
26 Produced a bloomer using lower mouthpiece (5)  
27 Additional part for accomplice (9)

#### DOWN

- 1 Get back, are lacking a successful move (6)  
2 Bet Clare could remove ornamental chain (8)  
3 With this one is not prejudiced to receive and consider new ideas (4,4)  
4 We're endlessly going round one dam (4)  
5 Kiss for £!! (7)  
6 Real sportsman who is unswervingly faithful (4-4)  
7 Total of materials used with cement to form concrete (9)  
13 Pull up child from deep valley (5)  
14 Said quartet said to be reserved (6,3)  
16 Carol held redirected to town near Manchester (8)  
18 One selling overseas was stout (8)  
19 Clownishness of last character Annie performing on board (8)  
20 Mess is putrid, I leave to break up (7)  
22 Unimportant person quits turning runs inside (6)  
25 Clothing cassocks hide (4)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 8 SW US state (3,6)  
9 Farewell (5)  
10 Obstacle (9)  
11 Roman (anag.) (5)  
12 Not good enough (1,4)  
15 Roman garment (4)  
17 Just (5)  
19 Machine-gun (4)  
21 Mathematical term (6,8)  
23 Reward (5)  
24 Temperate (9)  
26 Steel mast (5)  
27 Immunise (9)

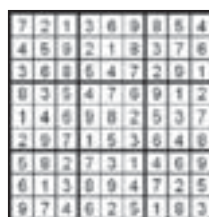
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- 1 Unpleasant familiar illusion (4,2)  
2 Food of the gods (8)  
3 Man appointed by testator (8)  
4 Frozen (4)  
5 Hanging bed (7)  
6 Postings (anag.) (8)  
7 Extracting from open excavation (9)  
13 Sweetener (5)  
14 Tall silk hat (9)  
16 Easily tricked (8)  
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19 Rotating (8)  
20 Pepper (7)  
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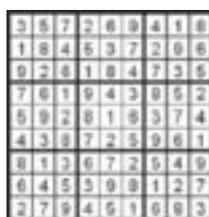
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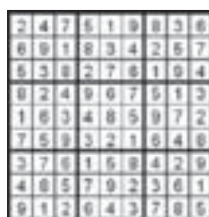
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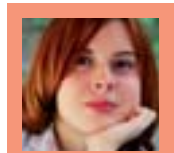


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### I LOVE FOOTBALL

Fun to be with blonde female, 25, 5ft2, loves football(!), going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man to be soulmate, Box 446494

### MAYBE MORE

Seeking fun, friendship, maybe more, WILTM fun man 25-30, I'm female, 26, brown hair/blue eyes, average build, Box 445622

### SMILES

Hi I'm 27, redhead, 5ft1, blue eyes, intelligent, open-minded, caring, loves going out, music, good meals, seeking friendship, struggles with caring, understanding Gen, Box 446786

### SNUGGLE UP

Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WILTM a white male for friendship/romance, Box 441654

## ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special, Box 446552

## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids, Looking for new friends, and hopefully someone special, Box 446039

## SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more, Box 428666

## LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship, Box 438102

## DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance, Box 887983

## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 938053

## FROM ME TO YOU

Tall leggy brunette, 38, recently bereaved, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship, Box 887404

## YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old profile, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WILTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with, Box 435102

## FUN AND ROMANCE

Attractive woman, 41, 5ft6, blonde hair/blue eyes, I'd like to meet a guy for romance and fun, I enjoy cinema, pubs, meals out, Box 447009

## PASSION FOR YOU

Medium build woman, 41, 5ft2, kind, caring, loving and tactile, GSOH, looking to meet a nice man for a LTR, Box 446890

## COUNTRY LASS

Country-loving happy lady, 42, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments, Box 883723

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more for life, Box 889800

## HERE WE ARE

Easilygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more, Box 444672

## SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, tall figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WILTM gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun, Box 439984

## MAKE ME LAUGH!

Fun extrovert person, 45, likes cinema, going out, meals, socialising, 5ft7, dark brown hair/eyes, curvy, seeking nice guy to start off as friends with, Box 444697

## EVERLASTING LOVE

Beautiful black female, 46, WILTM a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5ft10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship, Tunbridge Wells, Box 445407

## IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easilygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar to there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

## LET'S CLICK

WILTM a nice guy with a similar nature: I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

## FAST LOVE

Single lady, 43, likes gardening, eating out, cinema, music and more, seeking male for friendship and maybe more, Box 446897

## LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving, Box 446102

## YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea, Box 446457

## GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR, Box 445955

## LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WILTM a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship, Box 444751

## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WILTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835652

## HELP!

Positively vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys art, seaside walks and music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...disgraciously, Box 444938

## I HAVE DREAM

Blonde, bubbly curvy female, 59, looks younger, fun to be with, honest, seeks caring male to be my soul-mate, GSOH! Box 835891

## MISS JULIE

Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh good company! friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 888162

## DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket, Box 430384

## AND ALL THAT JAZZ

Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian, 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, N/S, intelligent, solvent gentleman, Box 430375

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Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WILTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835652

## HELP!

Positively vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys art, seaside walks and music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...disgraciously, Box 444938

## I HAVE DREAM

Blonde, bubbly curvy female, 59, looks younger, fun to be with, honest, seeks caring male to be my soul-mate, GSOH! Box 835891

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship, Box 441622

## WHERE R U?

Cheerful, honest, popular blonde, 50yrs old, 5ft2, slim, looking to find an honest, loyal man. Ian, call again, leave contact details, Box 887347

## FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for T.L.C. Kent, Box 835181

## CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female, 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55, Box 417100

## A NEW MAN FOR THE NEW YEAR

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## MEND A BROKEN HEART

Hard working, kind and caring female, young 52, seeking a genuine man for a relationship, no time wasters please! Box 444286

## SEEING THROUGH

Attractive female, 53, intelligent, kind, funny, non-smoking, WILTM nice, kind, normal male, 50-60, for theatre, laughs and more, Box 446383

## SEEKING SOULMATE

Gorgeous slim attractive young-looking female, 54, active, wicked SOH, 5ft5, blue eyes, sociable, loves music, dancing, travelling, seeking warm, sincere man for genuine companionship, Box 446634

## ENJOY LIFE

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## NO SHALOWNESS

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## LIFE IS FOR LIVING

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## FANCY A RIDE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man, Box 888680

## HAND IN HAND, HEART TO HEART

Open-minded lady, 58, seeking male 56-63, enjoying, loving, eating out, gardening, foreign holidays and more, Box 446468

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## ONLY LOVE

Classy/intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, GSOH, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with, Box 883791

## TIME ON MY HANDS

Recently retired female, 60, 5ft1, medium build, very nice person, WILTM a male, similar age, to spend my days with, must be caring! Eastbourne, Box 445696

## Men seeking women

### THAT'S ME

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### COME FLY WITH ME

Honest male, 44, dark hair/blue eyes, 5ft6, likes cinema, walks, holidays, restaurants, seeking romance, love, the woman of my dreams 34-54 for relationship and more, Box 443967

### WANTS TO COOK FOR YOU

Single male, 43, no ties, very genuine, slim, 6ft4, brown hair, green eyes, loves sport and soul music, WILTM a female to date, Box 445780

### I'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH

Very romantic, caring and loyal male, 44, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, great SOH, seeks female with similar interests for hopeful LTR, No time-wasters! Hastings, Box 446120

### DAD'S THE WORD

Lonely single male, 44, 6ft2, fair hair, great SOH, quite happy but looking for a lady 30-60 to have fun with and hopefully something else, Box 446452

### NIGHTS IN AND OUT

Separated male in Maidstone area, 44, single dad, 5ft10, blue/grey eyes and dark brown hair, a non-smoker, seeking special lady to fall in love with, Box 441826

### TO THE FUTURE!

Female, 44, looking for a male for friendship and love, lets start 2008! Not being single with a smile! Box 883622

### SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinema, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more, Box 428202

### HAND IN HAND ALONG THE BEACH

Genuine, honest caring bloke, 45, medium build, 5ft10, lots of love to give, enjoys sunbathing, relaxing, seeking special lady to fall in love with, Box 441826

### YOU FOR ME & ME FOR YOU...

Thoughtful, caring, divorced female, 47, athletic/active, black hair, enjoys concerts, walks on the beach and eating out, WILTM lady with similar characteristics for LTR, Eastbourne, Box 447119

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

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### WELL-DRESSED CHAP

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## LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing young-minded male, 47, a smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, POL, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with, Box 443750

## LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Fun guy, 41, who enjoys life seeks a like-minded female to share a fun friendship full of adventures, maybe something more, Box 883569

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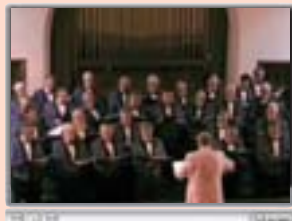
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3. A Thousand Ways To Fall - 12/3/09 at The Beercart Arms in Canterbury
4. Blackburner - 13/3/09 at Snowdon Colliery Welfare Club in Aylesham
5. Kayley Weller - 28/3/09 at The Alma in Deal

# Anarchy night Taps into some rocking new acts

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of up-and-coming bands has been lined up to play at the Tap'n'Tin this month – giving music fans the chance to catch a glimpse of the industry's next best things.

Seven groups will take to the stage in the coming weeks, performing at the Chatham venue's Anarchy All Ages club night, open to anyone over the age of 16.

First up on Sunday (January 11) is The Chase, with support coming from Fate Of A Stranger and The Startover.

Lower Than Atlantis headline the next Anarchy night on Sunday, January 25, with Pay No Respect, Breaking The Day and Trial Of Fifty also on the bill. Tickets cost £6, or £5 with an Anarchy wristband.

For more details, visit [www.tapntin.co.uk](http://www.tapntin.co.uk).

Here's a selection of short band biogs to whet your appetite:

## The Chase

The unsigned London five-piece cite Foo Fighters, Oasis and The Killers among their influences, but their sound is more akin to the American emo-rock favoured by the likes of Fallout Boy and Panic At The Disco.

Later this month the band will set off on a seven-date UK tour with Farewell City and Scarlet Desire in tow. Having built up a 21,000-strong army of online fans, this could be the year The Chase break through.

See [www.myspace.com/thechaseuk](http://www.myspace.com/thechaseuk).

## Fate of a Stranger

Fellow Luton-based emo-rockers Fate Of A Stranger offer a "self-styled brand of post-



Picture: MARIANNE HARRIS

**TUNE IN:** The Chase and Lower Than Atlantis, right, are just two of the great bands set to play at Chatham's Tap'n'Tin

hardcore rock", with driving guitar riffs and catchy vocals drawing a legion of admiring fans.

See [www.myspace.com/fateofastrangeruk](http://www.myspace.com/fateofastrangeruk).

## The Startover

The lively quartet describe their sound as a fusion of rock, punk and alternative genres. Simple, well-written songs will see their popularity blossom in the coming months.



If you miss the Tap gig, you can catch The Startover live on three occasions in Maidstone next month.

See [www.myspace.com/thisisthestartover](http://www.myspace.com/thisisthestartover).

## Lower Than Atlantis

Watford-born four-piece rockers Lower Than Atlantis, who are signed to the Thirty Days Of Night label, come to Medway on Sunday, January 25, and are sure to test the venue's sound system.

All the rock essentials are there – fast guitars, loud vocals and bundles of energy.

## Pay No Respect

Heavier than the night's headliners, Pay No Respect offer the darker side to the rock scene – dishing out three-minute songs of screamed vocals and menacing drum beats.

See [www.myspace.com/paynorespect](http://www.myspace.com/paynorespect).

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Carl Allen finds his life in a constant rut, with no social life and few adventures. After an encounter with a motivational speaker, he embarks on a hilarious journey when he begins to say yes to everything. Based on the best-seller by Danny Wallace, Yes Man explores what one word can do to change your life forever.

### CHE – PART ONE (15)



Award-winning director Steven Soderbergh brings the life story of Ernesto 'Che' Guevara to the big screen. In the first of a two-part work, Che is found working with Fidel Castro to co-ordinate the 1956 mission to take control of Cuba. On their journey to topple the dictatorship, they encounter massive support and forge life-long friendships.

# Pair are in good spirits

BY KATE WHITING

SAMUEL L Jackson is humming a ditty and looks so happy with the world, it's impossible not to beam at him as he shakes my hand.

The 60-year-old actor has plenty of reasons to be content. For a start, he's sitting next to the ever-glamorous Scarlett Johansson and he's just been honoured with a prestigious American Cinematheque Award for his contribution to movies.

Today, at a luxurious London hotel, he's in an ebullient mood. He's very enthusiastic about his latest film role in the daringly comic-like film adaptation of Will Eisner's *The Spirit*.

Samuel plays The Octopus, a deeply disturbed scientist and master of the criminal underworld, while 24-year-old Scarlett is his sexy sidekick Silken Floss.

It's clear from the way the pair are so relaxed and chatty with each other that they forged a strong friendship on set.

"We definitely enjoyed ourselves," says Scarlett, flashing Sam a cheeky smile.

"Amazingly we'd only see each other at award shows, but the moment we got on the plane together leaving LA, we kind of went 'Right, we're going to have a good time'," explains Sam.

"We just looked at each other and smiled and laughed and I thought 'OK, I like her'. We connected immediately and we had a good time every day. No matter what kind of time anyone else was having, we had a good time."

The *Spirit* tells the story of Denny Colt (played by newcomer Gabriel Macht), a murdered policeman who has mysteriously come back to life as the masked



ADAPTED: Scarlett Johansson, Samuel L Jackson and Eva Mendes star in *The Spirit*

crime-fighter, *The Spirit*. He has just one goal in mind, keeping his beloved Central City safe from villains like *The Octopus*, but he still finds time for a string of beautiful women who either want to love or kill him.

With *Sin City* creator and director Frank Miller at the helm, Sam and Scarlett were given free rein to play around with their baddie image, particularly because their characters were only roughly

sketched out in Will Eisner's original 40s comic.

We're used to seeing Sam tackling a range of character-driven roles in films ranging from *Pulp Fiction* to *Snakes On A Plane*. But it's unusual to see Scarlett, who made her name through a mix of indie films and costume dramas, in such a quirky role.

The *Octopus* and *Silken* go through an incredible number of costume changes – one minute

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they're a samurai warrior and geisha and the next Scarlett's in a very revealing nurse's outfit with curly white wig.

"A lot of times you're a character like a journalist, for instance, and you don't have the opportunity to be all costumed and glamorous and really play with different looks," the actress explains.

"I was really inspired by the golden age of Hollywood, by Lucille Ball and other actresses from the 40s. I wanted to play with that film noir look. But you're not necessarily conscious of it while you're working. It's something you do and when the director says 'Wow, you look fabulous', you're like 'Yes, that two hours in hair and make-up was worth it!'"

Next year Scarlett will be back on screen with Jennifer Aniston and Drew Barrymore in *He's Not That Into You*, while Sam has just finished 'torturing' Michael Sheen in the thriller *Unthinkable*.

But before then the pair celebrated the festive season at home in the States with their families – Sam with his wife of 28 years Latanya and their daughter Zoe – and Scarlett with her new husband, actor Ryan Reynolds.



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## MOTORS NEWS



### SMC's smack in the eye for the recession

KENT dealer group SMC has kicked off 2009 with a recession-busting sale at its Ford and Mitsubishi outlets with savings of more than £15,000 possible against list prices on new cars and many bargains on used stock.

There will also be a prize draw for customers who take advantage of the 'Great SMC Sale' running until January 31.

They could win a large LCD television, Apple iPod Touch or an X-Box 360 games console, with the draw to be held on February 18.

Ford's line-up has just had a further upgrade with the all-new Fiesta (pictured) and also includes the Focus – the UK's no1 seller – the latest Mondeo family model plus award-winning MPVs: the C-Max, sporty S-Max and spacious Galaxy people carrier.

SMC has sites at Crayford, Gravesend and Sittingbourne.



### Fiat gadget helps drivers cut costs and emissions

FIAT claims thousands of motorists using its eco:Drive fuel-saving advice device since launch in October, have saved more than 163,000kg of CO2.

The free-of-charge tool helps drivers understand and adjust the impact of their driving style on fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

Using a USB stick plugged into the car's dashboard, eco:Drive records detailed information about the vehicle and how it is driven, which can be uploaded on to a computer (see picture). It then gives an analysis of the driver's performance, along with suggestions on how to improve efficiency further by improving driving methods.

"eco:Drive offers real benefits, helping drivers improve driving efficiency, saving fuel and reducing their impact on the environment," says Andrew Humberstone of Fiat Group Automobiles UK.

People using eco:Drive can become part of eco:Ville, an online community. Members have used it to offer ideas and feedback over the last three months, which Fiat has responded to – already the company has released four enhanced versions of the system.

Next year eco:Drive will become available for use in the Fiat Bravo and Qubo – it already features in Fiat 500 and Grande Punto models – and there are plans to further widen the scope of the technology across the entire range.



**PRESSURE IS ON:** The new Vauxhall Corsa is giving the Fiesta a run for its money with sharper styling and elements to appeal to a variety of supermini buyers

# Strong Corsa is out to spoil Fiesta-time

BRITAIN'S supermini race tends to be a two-horse tussle between the Ford Fiesta and Vauxhall Corsa and the latter might be expected to be under pressure now from the all-new Ford.

But don't jump to conclusions; the Vauxhall has been exceptionally dominant while waiting for the new generation Ford and won't be giving ground easily.

The Corsa is more sharply styled than before and can court different categories of buyer: the low slung three-door attracts younger buyers, while the smart yet more practical five-door caters for families and older customers.

Where the old Corsa had also started to look low rent inside, against supermini rivals and newer Vauxhall models, the latest is a paragon of quality, using high grade materials and brighter interior colours and trims.

The steering wheel is adjustable for height and reach on most models, the seats are higher quality and the dash is attractive and well-organised. Underlining the car's youthful

## ROAD TEST VAUXHALL CORSA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

appeal, there is also an MP3 audio connection on most models.

Leg, shoulder and headroom front and rear has increased across the board and Vauxhall claims the cabin is one of the quietest in its class, with reduced NVH (noise, vibration and harshness). Having driven several versions now, I can't argue with that and the car handles and rides in a much tidier fashion than of old too – there is even a cracking little VXR 'pocket rocket' model.

As more of us downsize in search of greener motoring or convenience, the new Corsa also falls into what I call the 'supersize-me-mini' segment, typified by the latest Renault Clio, Fiat Punto and Peugeot 207. These bigger superminis deliver greater crash protection and retain some big car comforts for owners seeking to reduce both their physical and carbon footprint on the roads.

The 1.4 Club is the best seller – Club is the mid-range trim above Expression and Life, while the 1.4i petrol engine delivers a balance of economy, power and refinement. But it is the SXi tested here (list price £10,550) that cuts a dash with its sporty looks and smart alloys as standard.



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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### USED SMALL SUPERMINI/MPVS

SO successful has been the MPV (multi-purpose vehicle) or 'people carrier' concept that its influence has carried over to other car sectors. None more so than superminis, where designs are tending to be taller and more flexible, with 'smart' seating arrangements, extra headroom and load-lugging ability. None of the trio here would win styling prizes, but such versatility comes as standard and they are probably the closest to being the market's jacks of all trades. After several years on the market, affordable examples should be easy to find too.

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#### VAUXHALL MERIVA



NOT quite as influential as Vauxhall's bigger Zafira perhaps, but the Meriva has become a popular used buy with families seeking a manageable yet capacious family holdall. The car drives and handles well and offers a higher driving position than equivalent family hatches and estates, without being ridiculously lofty. Add Vauxhall's usual versatile 'Flex' system interior features, a reputation for reliability and a good range of engines including diesels and you can see why Meriva used prices can be high.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### HONDA JAZZ



HONDAS Jazz has definitely hit the right note and won a host of awards. Beware early examples, which were too firmly sprung for some tastes, but later models are good to drive and better to ride in while retaining cheeky looks and versatile rear seating. The range lacks a diesel, but offers a continuously variable automatic gearbox (CVT) option with pre-selected positions that are reassuring to use, while bringing all the benefits of a CVT auto's better fuel consumption.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### NISSAN NOTE



NISSAN threw the rule book away with the Note to create a partial replacement for its long-running yet unloved Almera family hatchback, while also acquiring a small MPV with a more compact stance. The result is a versatile, roomy and manageable small car with lots of clever features including a reversible boot floor that covers a spacious lower compartment. The Note's engines are also good news, with a Renault-supplied 1.5-litre turbodiesel the most desirable, for mixing power with economy.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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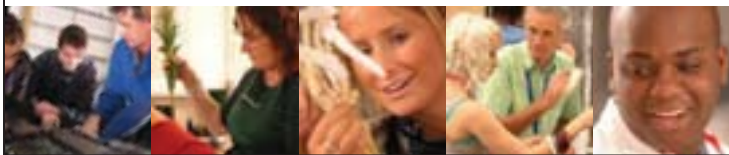
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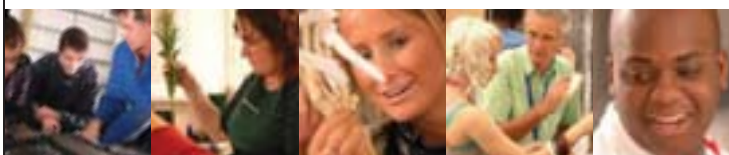
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Westwood's admirers vote with their feet

SHOPPERS have given Westwood Cross a vote of confidence in the latest survey by Business Blueprints.

Research reveals that 99 per cent of shoppers rate cleanliness at the retail centre as good or very good, 95 per cent feel the centre is safe and secure and 94 per cent value the pleasant atmosphere.

And despite worries about the economy, shoppers are spending eight per cent more this year on non-food items than last spring.

The centre is also attracting more shoppers from farther afield, in particular from Canterbury and Whitstable.

Of Thanet shoppers, 16 per cent said they also visited Bluewater, compared with 61 per cent last year.

Marketing manager Tracie Stevens said the centre was making an increasing contribution to the local economy.

### Art meets commerce

A COLLABORATION between the arts and business has taken off at West Mallings' Kings Hill business park.

It entails the launch of works by south east artists in the site's office buildings.

New works will be shown every three months, preceded by a private viewing when people from the wider business community will be able to see them.

Caroline Binns, of developer Liberty Property Trust UK, said: "The aim is to brighten people's working day by creating a welcoming and stimulating environment."

Liberty founded the Rouse Kent Public Art Award with KCC for the best piece of public art in the county. The biennial award will be held this year.

### Channel trade seminar

NEWCRÉATIF, a virtual design and communication agency based in Folkestone and Canterbury, held another seminar on design and communication issues for firms trading in France.

The seminar, at the Ramada Hotel, Dover, was attended by more than 25 local government and businesses delegates from both sides of the Channel.

It is one of a series of events organised by Transmanche Technology over the last 18 months. All are aimed at improving trade between companies based in Kent and northern France.



**CHEER UP:** Despite the impact of the credit crunch Kent is well positioned to take advantage of the recovery and many county firms are still performing well

# Our glass is half full

■ BY TONY PATEY

EVEN economic downturns have their silent majorities – more than half of companies in Kent say they are either unaffected by the current slowdown or are performing well and growing.

And a fifth are confident of a recovery in the coming months. This is proof that, while it's the public duty of the media to report what is going on, there is always another side of the coin that needs polishing.

The Financial and Business Services Survey 2008 commissioned by investment promotion agency Locate in Kent shows that almost a quarter of companies feel prospects are better for being based in Kent rather than elsewhere in the UK.

When asked how the economic climate was impacting on their business, encouragingly, almost a third – 29 per cent – reported that

they were still performing well and growing.

Just under half of respondents felt that their businesses had suffered as a result of economic downturn, and a further quarter responded that it had no impact.

Companies in the business services sector seemed to be faring better in this economic climate, with 36 per cent performing well, compared with 22 per cent in the financial sector.

The majority of respondents were realistic about the potential consequences of the global economic crisis, with 57 per cent concerned about their business over the next two years.

However, almost a third of respondents were confident their business would grow over the next few years.

One in five respondents felt confident about a recovery in the coming months.

When asked the biggest issue that compa-

nies would face once the economic outlook improved, respondents cited fears of cash flow problems and the cost of finance, lack of client and consumer confidence, red tape and legislation and the possibility of a slow recovery in the housing market.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "These results are not surprising given that we cannot get away from the hard economic truths we are facing."

"However, there are some very encouraging results from this report. The fact that Kent's location and solid transport links were so positively rated gives us good reason to be optimistic about the future."

"The improved links to central London will serve the county well as it looks to leverage opportunities such as the 2012 Olympics."

"Access to international markets will become an essential lifeline for a number of companies, underlining the importance of transport links in terms of business location choice."

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# Cassius class too much for outgunned Bay

Picture TONY DAV



OUTNUMBERED: Herne Bay's Stuart King (number nine) holds off a challenge in Saturday's defeat

## Herne Bay 2 Erith Town 5

ANY lingering hopes Herne Bay had of a title charge in the New Year were thoroughly extinguished as they conceded five goals for the second successive game.

Erith striker Marcus Cassius was the visitors' chief destroyer, plundering a hat-trick to take him to the top of the Kent League scorers chart. Stuart King's two late goals were nothing more than consolation for a home side which dominated long passages of play but lacked a cutting edge.

The heavy defeat came a week after Bay's nine-game winning run

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was brought to an end with a 5-1 loss at home to Faversham Town.

Barry Morgan's side looked in the mood to ensure the heavy defeat was just a blip, as they controlled the opening exchanges. But despite an overwhelming advantage in possession and territory, Bay were guilty of attempting to walk the ball into the net rather than testing Erith's highly-rated goalkeeper Jack Bradshaw.

Erith gradually warmed to the game and took the lead with a soft penalty on 34 minutes after Sean

Bremner handballed. Cassius just beat Dan Eason from the spot.

Myrie Allen doubled the lead on the stroke of half-time and the visitors exploited gaps in the Bay defence to score three more, two for Cassius, in the second half. Stuart King scored twice late on to take his tally for the season to ten.

Defeat saw Herne Bay slip to fifth in the Kent League Premier Division, ten points behind leaders Hythe Town. Morgan and his side will now turn their attentions to progressing to cup competitions in search of silverware.

They host VCD Athletic this Saturday for a place in the Kent Senior Trophy semi-finals.

## Crusade for play-off spot set to continue

KENT Crusaders will be looking to continue their Division Two play-off charge when the basketball season resumes this weekend.

After a slow start to the season, the Canterbury-based side hit form going into the two-week Christmas break.

Back-to-back victories in Plymouth made it six wins from their last seven league games, a run which has catapulted them up to fourth in the table.

Mads Olesen's side have every chance of improving their winning sequence when they visit struggling Northampton Neptunes. It will be the Crusaders' last road trip for a month, with their next five games all at home.

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Villa boss Martin O'Neill says he would have been happy with FA Cup replay against Gills

## Crunch time indoors for city hockey teams

A PLACE in the England National Indoor finals this month is up for grabs for Canterbury Ladies this weekend.

The team won two and lost two in the first half of the indoor season, played last month.

With their final four games to be played over next weekend, Canterbury will be hoping to force their way into the top four to book their place at the finals day on January 25.

The priority for the club's men, indoor champions in 2007, will be to avoid relegation from the top flight this weekend after losing all four of their opening games.

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# Oystermen boss in call for consistency

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BY DAVID PRITCHARD

WHITSTABLE Town's hopes of getting off to a fast start in 2009 were put on hold after their game against Ashford Town was called off due to a frozen Belmont pitch.

The Christmas period summed up the season so far for the Oystermen, with a handsome 5-1 win against Chipstead followed by a dreadful 3-0 defeat at Sittingbourne.

Inconsistency has plagued the team all season and remains Town manager Marc Seager's biggest headache going into the second half of the campaign.

His biggest frustration is the team's ability to win the one-off crunch games against sides around them in the Ryman South, but then fail to replicate the display week-in week-out.

"When we look over the last four months, when we really need a result we just seem to do enough," he said. "Against Corinthian Casuals we were bottom but put in a good performance and won. Walton Casuals we could have been bottom that day but pulled out a result, same with Chipstead, we moved up three places. Then we get into a comfort zone and you can't afford to do that."

"We have underachieved. The squad this year is stronger than last year and the players are disappointed with the way things have gone."

Despite his faith in the squad to climb out of trouble in the Ryman South, the performance at Sittingbourne angered the Belmont boss, who suspected some of his line-up had overindulged during the festive season.

He said: "I don't think some of them applied themselves properly, maybe a little bit too much Christmas spirit in some cases. At this level certain things have to give way, that's what makes average players good and vice versa."

The squad were in training on New Year's Day in a bid to sharpen up for the visit of in-form Ashford, before the pitch succumbed to the weather. The postponement didn't mean they had a day off, with the players training while Seager travelled to Sussex to watch Eastbourne Town and Burgess Hill, two opponents later this month.

Burgess Hill, three places and four points better off than Whitstable, are first up this Saturday. It begins a sequence of seven successive fixtures against sides currently in the Ryman South's bottom half.

Whitstable were due to play Tilbury in the League Cup second round last night. Log on to [www.yourcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.yourcanterbury.co.uk) for the report and reaction from the game.



Picture: IAN KIRK

GOOD AND BAD: Whitstable boss Marc Seager hopes 2009 will produce a more consistent run of results after underachieving so far this season



# No Windies Test slot for young Lion Khan

Picture ADY KERRY



**KEY STROKE:** Kent's Rob Key has been picked for the England Lions tour to New Zealand, along with Joe Denly and Amjad Khan

## CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT seamer Amjad Khan will have to settle for a place in the Lions squad after missing out on the England tour to the West Indies.

The Denmark-born quick bowler was picked in the squad for the Test series with India after impressing while with the performance programme in Abu Dhabi.

However, with Nottinghamshire seamer Ryan Sidebottom expected to be fit for the trip to the Caribbean at the end of January, ahead of the first Test in Jamaica on February 4, Khan misses out, although he will get another chance to impress with the England Lions.

Khan, together with Kent openers Joe Denly and Rob Key, have been picked in the squad for the tour to New Zealand, although off-spinner James Tredwell has not been included in the 14-man squad.

Elsewhere at the club, Kent have released eight members of their county staff as financial constraints continue to bite at the St Lawrence Ground.

The county announced earlier this month the £10 million redevelopment of their Canterbury ground could be

delayed until 2010 after a contractor pulled out as a result of the economic downturn.

Kent have conducted a review of the management structure and trimmed the club's staff by eight, including Mike Grantham, who was head groundsman at the St Lawrence Ground.

Kent are to install a business development department headed by Jamie Clifford, which will be responsible for the generation of all the club's commercial revenue.

Jon Fordham, as director of operations, will take full responsibility for all the club's operations, while Neil Peck, director of finance, and Graham Ford, director of cricket, complete the senior management team.

Andy Peirson has been installed as ground co-ordinator, which means he will be in charge of both pitches at Canterbury and Beckenham.

Chief executive Paul Millman said: "The last 12 months have proved extremely challenging for the club, given the uncertainty in the economy and the unforeseen delays associated with our development plans at the St Lawrence Ground. It has been necessary to take a long, hard look at every aspect of our operation."

"The reorganisation has led to a reduction in staffing levels. Eight members of staff will be departing and I would like to thank them for all they have done for the club."

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### Downturn 'will not hit City hub plans'

PLANS for a community football hub on the outskirts of Canterbury are unlikely to be affected by the credit crunch, according to Canterbury City chairman Phil Knight.

But the club are looking for a new temporary home away from Bridge for the men's first team, in preparation for a second successive promotion.

The prospect of a purpose-built site capable of hosting high-level non-league football was a key reason for City's reformation in 2007. Last July, the city council named Ridlands Farm, to the south of



**SEARCHING:** City chairman Phil Knight says the club are looking for a new temporary home

Canterbury, as its preferred site for the hub, which would include five-a-side pitches and a gym in addition to City's new home ground.

The economic downturn has seen construction projects, including Kent County Cricket Club's planned redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground, delayed or scrapped. However, Knight believes the hub project will not suffer the same fate.

He said: "All the talk that has come back so far is that everything is fine. The key is the original money made available from the old stadium is in the bank, so we're starting with that cash already."

"The private investor is as keen as ever and everything I've heard from the city council is positive. We're still looking at being ready in 2011."

The club's men's first team have played their home matches at Bridge Recreation Ground since reforming, but they could be months away from outgrowing the facilities.

Following promotion last season, Dave Fairclough's side top the Kent County League Division One East going into 2009, despite their game on Saturday being called off due to a frozen pitch. If they won the league they could not go up a level without moving, as clubs in the Premier Division need an enclosed space with a turnstile.

"We're looking at other alternatives," Knight said. "There's a ready made site at Hersden. The reserves and youth sides will stay at Bridge, but certainly the first team will need to come away from there if we get promoted."

Weather permitting, City have a Kent Intermediate Challenge Shield tie against Otford, at Canterbury High School, on Saturday.

## LEAGUE TABLES

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH (Before midweek games)

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Kingstonian	21	13	5	3	+26	44
2 Metropolitan Police	23	11	9	3	+15	42
3 Cray Wanderers	24	12	5	7	+15	41
4 Sittingbourne	22	12	4	6	+6	40
5 Fleet Town	22	10	9	3	+18	39
6 Ashford Town	24	10	9	5	+17	39
7 Dulwich Hamlet (-3)	24	11	7	6	+13	37
8 Worthing	20	10	7	3	+11	37
9 Walton & Hersham	23	10	7	6	+6	37
10 Godalming Town	23	10	6	7	+4	36
11 Merstham	22	9	7	6	+2	34
12 Eastbourne Town	24	9	5	10	+2	32
13 Folkestone Invicta	23	8	8	7	+1	32
14 Croydon Athletic	23	7	6	10	-4	27
15 Whyteleafe	23	7	4	12	-8	25
16 Leatherhead	21	7	4	10	-14	25
17 Burgess Hill Town	22	6	6	10	-4	24
18 Corinthian-Casuals	24	4	8	12	-21	20
19 Chipstead	23	4	8	11	-24	20
20 Whitstable Town	23	6	2	15	-25	20
21 Walton Casuals	23	4	5	14	-19	17
22 Crowborough Athletic	23	3	3	17	-27	12

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Hythe Town	17	13	2	2	24	41
2 Holmesdale	17	12	3	2	24	39
3 Tunbridge Wells	17	11	1	5	11	34
4 Faversham Town	15	10	1	4	28	31
5 Horne Bay	18	10	1	7	5	31
6 Erith & Belvedere	15	8	2	5	0	26
7 Erith Town	15	7	4	4	10	25
8 Greenwich Borough	15	8	1	6	0	25
9 Deal Town	17	6	5	6	5	23
10 VCD Athletic	13	7	1	5	15	22
11 Croydon	13	6	1	6	4	19
12 Sevenoaks Town	16	5	4	7	-5	19
13 Slade Green	16	5	3	8	-5	18
14 Norton Sports	15	5	1	9	-16	16
15 Beckenham Town	18	4	2	12	-8	14
16 Lordswood	16	1	2	13	-24	5
17 Sporting Bengal	17	0	0	17	-68	0

### KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Canterbury City	9	7	2	0	29	23
2 AFC Sheppey	9	6	2	1	4	20
3 University of Kent	7	5	1	1	26	16
4 APM Mears	9	4	3	2	10	15
5 Otford Utd	9	4	2	3	6	14
6 New Romney	11	4	2	5	-7	14
7 Gurn Nank	7	3	2	2	-6	11
8 Kennington	9	2	2	5	-11	8
9 Staplehurst & Mon.	8	2	2	4	-14	8
10 Oakwood	8	0	2	6	-12	2
11 Lydd Town	10	1	0	9	-25	2

# Money talks, although Hillerby has last word

## RUGBY

### Ealing 38 Canterbury 22

CANTERBURY produced a spirited display despite going down to National Three South title contenders Ealing as the season resumed after the Christmas break.

Frozen pitches forced five of the division's seven fixtures to be postponed on Saturday, but conditions in west London were sufficiently thawed to allow the game to go ahead.

Financial inequalities have caused a gaping fissure in the table, with Ealing one of three expensively assembled sides well clear of the rest.

It was always likely to be tough for Canterbury to take something from the game and they did themselves no favours by conceding two tries in the opening seven minutes.

Gert De Kock got the visitors on the scoreboard with a penalty, but Ealing replied with three of their own to go in 21-3 up at the break.

Spectators braving the cold might have expected the division's most prolific attack to run up a big score in the second half, but Canterbury held their own.

Good work by Mike Melford set up a try under the posts for De Kock, who converted. Ealing put the result beyond doubt with two more tries, but the visitors had the last



Picture IOR KUPRO

**SPIRITED:** Ealing's attacking quality proved too much for Canterbury, despite a valiant second half comeback

word with scores from Ed Roche and Dave Hillerby after the home side were reduced to 14 men. The victory sent Ealing top of the league. Canterbury remain tenth, but have a far more winnable game this Saturday, when they welcome second from bottom side Havant to Merton Lane.

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